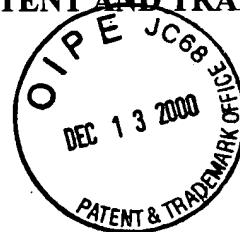


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Serial No. 09/671,683

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For: SPEECH SYNTHESIS DEVICES

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**RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF
APPLICATION – FILING DATE GRANTED**

Sir:

Responsive to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Application – Filing Date Granted mailed November 14, 2000, copy attached, applicants are submitting herewith an executed Declaration and Power of Attorney document. A check in the amount of \$65 is attached herewith which is owed by applicant as a small entity for the late filing of this document.

Applicants are also submitting herewith executed Small Entity Statements averring to applicant's status as a small entity. Entry of these documents into this application is respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to applicant's representative's Deposit Account No.

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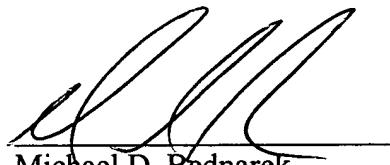
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Respectfully submitted,

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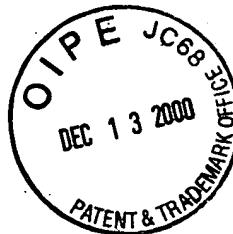


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Filing Date Granted

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given TWO MONTHS from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The oath or declaration is unsigned.
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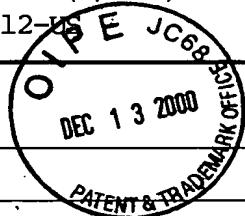
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**STATEMENT CLAIMING SMALL ENTITY STATUS
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Applicant, Pattee, or Identifier: Arcadia, Inc.

Application or Patent No.: 09/671,683

Filed or Issued: September 28, 2000

Title: SPEECH SYNTHESIS DEVICES

As a below named inventor, I hereby state that I qualify as an independent inventor as defined in 37 CFR 1.9(c) for purposes of paying reduced fees to the Patent and Trademark Office described in:

the specification filed herewith with title as listed above.

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I have not assigned, granted, conveyed, or licensed, and am under no obligation under contract or law to assign, grant, convey, or license, any rights in the invention to any person who would not qualify as an independent inventor under 37 CFR 1.9(c) if that person had made the invention, or to any concern which would not qualify as a small business concern under 37 CFR 1.9(d) or a nonprofit organization under 37 CFR 1.9(e).

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I acknowledge the duty to file, in this application or patent, notification of any change in status resulting in loss of entitlement to small entity status prior to paying, or at the time of paying, the earliest of the issue fee or any maintenance fee due after the date on which status as a small entity is no longer appropriate. (37 CFR 1.28(b))

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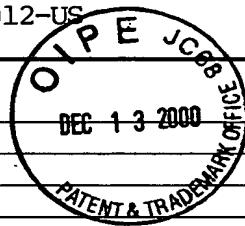
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STATEMENT CLAIMING SMALL ENTITY STATUS
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I hereby state that I am

the owner of the small business concern identified below:
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NAME OF SMALL BUSINESS CONCERN Arcadia, Inc.ADDRESS OF SMALL BUSINESS CONCERN 3-40, Bohnoshima 1-chome, Minoh-city,
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I hereby state that the above identified small business concern qualifies as a small business concern as defined in 13 CFR Part 121 for purposes of paying reduced fees to the United States Patent and Trademark Office. Questions related to size standards for a small business concern may be directed to: Small Business Administration, Size Standards Staff, 409 third Street, SW, Washington, DC 20416.

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